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The Player Kings is an extraordinary and unforgettable offering and the biggest undertaking in Sport for Jove's history. This is Damien Ryan's brand new adaptation of Shakespeare's great history cycle – the epic theatrical mirror Shakespeare held up to the eternal human struggle to lead, love and learn to live together.

We live in a virulently polarised world – truth from falsehood barely distinguishable – media smothered by propaganda and partisanship – leadership eccentric to the point of madness –democracy at its most fragile and ambiguous – autocracies thriving and flagrantly proud – and cleptocracy, the ancient art of governing by theft, proving a very adequate solution to the problem of who runs the show! Let's just say it – we are living in a Shakespearean...tragedy? History? Nightmare? And if we really dare ask ourselves, do we perhaps enjoy the show a little too much to want it to end?

Playing over two compelling and contemporary chapters, the story glances backward to the journey from ***Richard II*** to ***Richard III***, in order to thrust our gaze forward to how political systems collapse and societies devour their own potential.

Featuring a world class cast, some of the finest actors of Shakespeare in the country, people whose capacity for language and depth of understanding is a promise of something very special. A hugely inventive and genuinely immersive experience, ***The Player Kings*** reimagines a Globe-like arena on the York stage at Seymour Centre.

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